Oil Production

1767. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated rise/fall in the indigenous Oil production during the years 1992 and 1993;

(b) what is the comperative percentage of rise in the demand of Oil and Oil products during 1992 and 1993 and what is the consequent gap between demand and supply;

(c) what is the estimated projection of Oil production during the coming three years;

(d) whether Government propose to boost Oil Production in a joint venture by inviting foreign companies considering the growing gap between demand and supply and with a view to achieving the Oil projection during the coming years; and

(e) if so, what is the decision, if any taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The indigenous production of crude oil during 1991-92 and 1992-93 was 30.35 million tonnes and 26.95 million tonnes, respectively.

(b) The estimated demand for crude oil and products during 1992 and 1993 was as under:

(Million tonnes)

Year	Crude Oil	Products
1992	54.2	59.3
1993	53.5	59.4

(c)

Year	Estimated Production (MT)
1993-94	27.17
1994-95	32.51
1995-96	38.37

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) A number of small sized fields and medium sized fields have been offered for development by private parties under production sharing arrangement.

Short Supply of Natural Gas to KRIBHCO

1768. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a news item captioned "Short supply of gas hits KRIBHCO output" appearing in the Economic Times dated 9th October, 1993;

(b) if so, whether the shortfall in supply of natural gas has hit capacity utilisation of KRIBHCO;

(c) if so, the reasons for short supply of natural gas to KRIBHCO: and

(d) the steps contemplated by Government to make natural gas available to KRIBHCO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTERY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There has been no shorthall in the supply of committed quantity of gas to M/s. KRIBHCO.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Foreign bids for oil exploration

1769. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any foreign bids for oil exploration and exploitation;

(b) if so, the number of bids received so far;

(c) whether Government would entertain bidding round the year;

(d) whether Government propose to go in for the international pattern in oil exploration to invite foreign investment; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Foreign companies, either on their own or in consortium, have put in 20 bids in the Fourth Round of Bidding for exploration, 4 bids in the Fifth Round of Bidding for exploration and 51 bids for the development of the medium sized and small sized fields offered in August, 1992.

(c) to (e) There is no specific international pattern for inviting private investment in the oil sector. The two most frequently used mechanisms for inviting foreign investment in oil exploration are through bidding rounds at specified intervals and by direct negotiations with companies.

To attact foreign investment in oil exploration, Government is inviting bids under the continuous round the year bidding scheme for exploration in specified blocks.

Approval of award of contract in Cauvery Basis

1770. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI GOVINDRAO RAMARAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have approved the award of exploration-cum-development contract for Block CY-QS-90/1 in the Cauvery offshore basin to consortium comprising certain Indian and foreign companies;

(b) whether it also a fact that Government have approved the award of contracts for six small size fields offered for development to private parties; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the awards?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The fields are (i) Bakrol (ii) Lohar (iii) Bhandut (iv) Cambay (v) Matar (vi) Sabarmati. The fields would be developed by these parties under production-sharing contracts to be signed by them with the Government of India.

Panipat Refinery

1771. SHRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any final decision about the financial and technological tie up for the construction of Panipat Refinery has been arrived at, if so, what are the details thereof and by when;

(b) whether Government have proposed the construction of a parallel Highway between Delhi Panipat and Panipat-Chandigarh and further to Punjab as a part of this Refinery as a modern Highway will be required for quick transport of the products to and from the Refinery to outstations;

(c) whether adequate provisions have been made in the projects to contain the pollution of air/water as the Refinery is located in a densely populated area which is one of the richest area in the field of agriculture; and

(d) what are the remedial measures Government propose to take for the effects of refinery with respect to pollution and State capital to karnal to be established in near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND